The Original of the Resolutions
presented by me at Annual
Meeting of Mass^{tts} Anti Slavery Society
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Resolutions offered by Rev. Samuel May, Jr., at the Annual Meeting of the Mass. Anti-Slavery Society, January, 1866.

Whereas, the People of the United States have made the Abolition and Prohibition of Slavery a part of the Constitution of their National Union, and have given to Congress the right to enforce this Prohibition by appropriate legislation; and

Whereas, Slavery in the United States is henceforth unconstitutional, illegal, & criminal, - as well as immoral & unchristian always, - and

Whereas, an Anti-Slavery Society is a Solecism and superfluity when Slavery has ceased to exist; therefore

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society should now be dissolved, and it is hereby declared to be, at the close of this its thirty fifth Annual Meeting, dissolved.

Resolved, That it is with reverent praise and thanksgiving to God, beyond the power of Words to express, that we unite, at this time, in recognizing the overthrow of Slavery in our land.

Resolved, That with a like faith in the power of Truth, Justice, and Good Will to men,

we acknowledge the magnitude of the work yet to be done, to visit those so long in the prison of Slavery, to feed and clothe the body & mind of those ~~(illegible)~~ long starved and perishing, and to proclaim to them God's acceptable year; to maintain and secure for them their every right of manhood, brotherhood, & citizenship.

Resolved, That to the evil purpose of many at the South, - and some at the North also, - to re-establish Slavery in some form & continue its oppressive spirit toward its former victims, we oppose the sure purpose of this victorious and powerful nation, the indignant judgement of the civilized world and the irresistible might of the Eternal ~~Providence~~ Will.

Resolved, That the claim of "Land and the Ballot" for the ~~enfranchised~~ freed slave, - indispensable as these are, - is not enough; - inasmuch as the profitable cultivation of the one and the free exercise of the other will never be allowed to ~~be freedmen~~ him, if left without the immediate protection of the Federal power; - hence we further claim that this protection shall be energetically continued, until absolute guarantees are given of justice to all, without distinction of color or race.

Resolved, That the honor and the safety of the Union, in regard to all its great principles and all its vital interests, alike demand that this National protection of the lives and liberties of the freedpeople be vigilantly maintained, and the encroaching spirit of Slavery defeated at every point, until full security is obtained and the States lately in rebellion are no longer controlled by a pro-slavery and disloyal population.

Resolved, That in our judgment Freedmen's Societies ought to be formed in every town, and sustained by all abolitionists, for the purpose of keeping these great subjects before the people, and for aiding the vast and noble work of ~~their~~ the education of the freedpeople and their endowment with all the rights of a common humanity.